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State legislators speak on campus

by SCOTT STRONG
Managing Editor

Ten Northwest Louisiana legislators were on campus Monday morning to participate in a civic forum panel held in the University Center Plantation Room to review Louisiana legislative activity.

The legislators examined four major topics: education, economic development, state finances and state priorities and leadership.

"I feel like education certainly has to be funded adequately," State Sen. Foster Cambell said. "Waste needs to be cut, but cuts don't necessarily need to be made in the classroom. Cuts need to be made in the bureaucracy."

Cambell said that he supported merging the higher boards of education and said that "in education we need to put the money in the right programs. If the athletic programs aren't working and they're excessive, then maybe we should cut them and put that money into academics."

State Rep. Greg Tarver said that the legislature is spending over 50 percent of its budget on education, over \$3 billion. He said that in previous years, individual legislators had very little to do with which programs in education were funded.

"Last year was the first year of the seven years that I've been in the legislature that we actually addressed a problem," Tarver said. "We went in and tried to make selective cuts, a very, very hard thing to do."

Tarver said that he opposes across-the-board cuts because bad programs which submit fabricated budgets can still

receive the funds they want. "We in Louisiana have either got to raise taxes and give the governor what he needs, or we need to get our priorities in order," he said. "I'm for selective cuts and lower taxes."

State Sen. Sydney Nelson proposed the idea of a panel of experts not influenced overtly by political experiences that would advise the legislature on how not to overspend. "One of the serious problems that we have in 1986 is the budget of last year was overspent by \$209 million and we have a \$209 million deficit," Nelson said.

State Rep. Robert Adley said that Louisiana needs to find alternative sources of revenue, other than oil and gas. "Oil and gas cannot be our future," he said. He suggested that the price of crude oil should not be based on current market price, but instead on a five- or ten-year outlook. Adley said this would keep the price lower than the average market price, but would protect Louisianians in times of economic despair.

Nelson and State Rep. Jesse Deen stated that economic growth in Louisiana relies on small businesses. Deen said that Louisiana needs to compete with Texas and Arkansas on the small industries level, making Louisiana attractive to small businesses by providing the state with the available resources.

Nelson said that there needs to be emphasis on bringing small businesses into the state, as well as helping the development of already-established small businesses. "I think that most economists agree that the best source of growth of business is the small businesses already in this state," he said.



Billy Smith publicizes upcoming toga party.

PRSSA plans party for Indy Bowl

The Public Relations Student Society of America, in conjunction with the Independence Bowl Ticket Committee, will be hosting an Indy Bowl Toga Party Saturday to officially announce the 1986 Independence Bowl teams.

The party, held in the UC Plantation Ball room, will feature a David Letterman Spoof Show and impersonations of Joan Rivers and Dr.

Ruth.

Featured guests will include Mayors Hussey and Jones, Senator-elect John Breaux, Executive Director of the Bowl Paul Manasseh, Bowl Queen Melody Moore, and Darrell Rebouche, KTAL sports announcer.

On Monday, local politicians, Bowl Directors and PRSSA members gathered in the UC to promote the sale of

Eagle's Nest (south end zone) tickets.

The official Indy Bowl Eagle was on hand and will make a second appearance on Saturday in toga attire.

Admission to the party is the purchase of a \$12 Eagle's Nest ticket (which also admits you to the game December 20).

Hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and beer will be available for additional costs.

Senator's words criticized

by DOREEN LAFAUCI
News Editor

An SGA senator has been brought before the Senate Internal Affairs Committee for actions that could influence voter turnout during the recent smoking-ban vote.

Senator-at-large Elizabeth Spence was brought before the committee after an affidavit was filed from Almagest Managing Editor Scott Strong.

Strong said Spence was conversing with an LSUS student about

the smoking issue and stated in the affidavit he told her campaigning at the polls violated voting ethics.

The affidavit dictates the conversation that followed in which Strong states Spence delivered personal insults and said her comments at the polls were private and were none of his business.

Bob Wynn, senator and co-chairman of Internal Affairs, said the committee met to deter-

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Learning evaluated

by BARBARA POWELL
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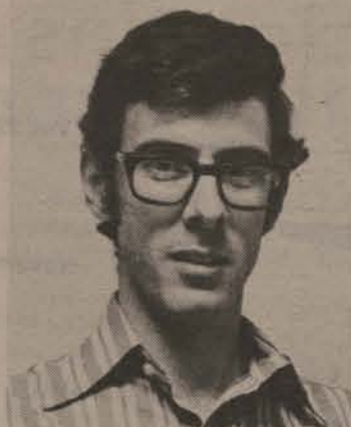
According to Dr. Kenneth Hinze, associate professor of sociology at LSUS, the learning-oriented student is more likely to make good grades than the grade-oriented student.

Hinze conducted a survey among 153 LSUS sociology students to measure the amount of grade orientation versus the amount of learning orientation, and the effect of both on exam scores and self-esteem. Most students fell in the middle range, with the desire to learn about equal to the desire to make good grades.

"Strangely, being concerned about grades seems to make them go down," Hinze said.

According to Hinze, grade orientation hurts academic performance in two ways: "It makes students less likely to use the study habits which work, and it directly reduces exam scores, probably by harming concentration during exam time."

Learning orientation is positively correlated with both effective study habits and



Dr. Kenneth Hinze

higher exam scores.

"Learning orientation, I think, better prepares someone for later contributions," Hinze said. "Grade orientation holds us back from expressing ourselves and from scholastic achievement."

"Happily, exam scores do not seem to be related to self-esteem in our students," Hinze said. "Maybe they have come to believe that exams really measure little about them which is important, regardless of how other people use GPA. If so, they are right."

The most important attributes to have, if a student wants to be successful, regardless of his field of study, are self-direction and ideational flexibility — the ability to have ideas. And, said Hinze, "dedication to the task at hand"

better guarantees success than focusing on grades or similar rewards.

Raines heads NCAA trips

by RUSSEL HEDGES
Contributing Writer

Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs, said after visiting Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., and Austin College in Sherman, Texas, that students and administrators at those institutions for the most part "see athletics as an important part of their program."

Raines recently headed a group of LSUS faculty and students on a fact-finding mission to the two schools as part of LSUS's continuing look into the possibility of installing an athletic program at the university.

Austin College and Rhodes College are both much smaller than LSUS. Both are privately funded, unlike LSUS. Austin College is an NCAA division III school, and Rhodes College is an NAIA non-scholarship school. Both colleges compete in many inter-collegiate sports, including football.

In a recent letter to faculty, staff and students, LSUS Chancellor Grady Bogue suggested LSUS become involved in inter-collegiate athletics on an NCAA Division III level. Bogue said in the letter that athletics "would add an emotional heart to the school."

Raines said that on the fact-

finding missions, the LSUS group talked to athletic directors, student leaders, coaches, student-athletes and faculty members.

She also said that administrators at the two schools tried to give the groups a cross-section of student and faculty opinions.

Raines said the groups didn't hear many negative comments about the athletic programs of either school. "Even those who were not proponents said it was an outlet for students, and that it brings students there who would not normally be here."

Athletics and academics can co-exist at the two colleges, Raines said, because administrators "made a decision at the outset that athletics was going to be part of the program, not dominate the program."

Raines said that football and travel expenses take up the largest percentage of the two schools' small athletic budgets. She said Austin College spends about a fourth of its budget on football.

Raines also said that about 20 percent of all students at Austin College participate in inter-collegiate athletics, and that 70 percent compete in intramural

competition. Some have expressed concern that an inter-collegiate athletic program would diminish the importance of intramural athletics at LSUS.

Dr. Frank Lower made both trips as an LSUS faculty representative. "One of the negatives I heard is that from time to time the faculty is concerned that money is going to athletics instead of a program they're concerned with," Lower said.

The same concerns have been expressed by some LSUS faculty members. "They're always going to be competing interests and conflict for dollars," Lower said.

Still, after visiting the two schools, Lower said he has learned something else. "Athletics may well be an important supplement to what college life is supposed to be about," Lower said. "At any level of competition, it's gonna take bucks."

Another group headed by Raines visited Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., Wednesday, and more trips are scheduled. So far, six students and six faculty members have gone on the fact-finding trips.

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Hal Meekins, a science instructor at Byrd High School, will

teach the course.

Workshop fee is \$20 and pre-registration can be accomplished by calling the Office of Conferences and Institutes at LSU in Shreveport at 797-5262.

For further information contact the Museum at 226-7174.

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LSUS UNIVERSITY CHORUS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 24 & 25

The University Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Norma Jean Locke, will present its annual Christmas concert on Monday, November 24, at noon in the University Center lobby, and again on Tuesday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

The program of traditional and contemporary carols, popular and novelty Christmas songs, will be accompanied by Dr. Barbara Ann Locke. Featured soloists will be Sharon Brothers, Ethel Greer, Bruce Spence, David Pizzolato, Chennaye Greer, Geoffrey Barkley, Mike Smith, and Karen Duston.

Program highlights include "The Conventry Carol," featuring flutist Sherri Smith, "Gesù Bambino," "The Cherry Tree Carol," "The Birthday of a King," "Sleigh Ride," and "Do You Hear What I Hear."

Both performances are free and open to the public.

Honor Society installed

The Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Honor Society, was officially installed on the LSUS campus Nov. 11, 1986.

The society, which is sponsored by the English Dept., recognizes and rewards the achievements of outstanding students in English and English education.

Faculty advisors are Laurie Morrow and Karen Douglass. With the enthusiastic support of the Sigma Tau Delta National Executive Board, the chapter also initiated into its ranks Nobel Prize Laureate Saul Bellow. Bellow is now one of only 23 elected to this Honor Membership, joining the ranks of writers such as Eudora Welty, Cleanth Brooks, and Walter J. Ong.

Campus Briefs

Full-time student sound technician needed for spring semester 1987 to operate portable sound system for the UC and outdoor events and to serve as projectionist for movies for the Student Activities office. Sound needs include festivals, lectures, banquets, forums, etc. Previous experience needed.

Pick up an application in UC 232. Application deadline is Nov. 26.

Reservations are being taken by the Office of Student Activities in Room 232 of the University Center. Final payment is due Nov. 26.

For further information call 797-5393.

Spectra

Submissions to Spectra can be made in BH 263, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday. Deadline is December 1. All submitted work should include a name, address and phone number. Typed work is preferred, although hand written work will be accepted.

Ski trip

Spaces are still available for the Jan. 2-8 Ski Steamboat trip being sponsored by the LSUS Office of Student Activities.

The open-to-the-public trip features six days at Steamboat Springs Mountain along with four full-day lift tickets, condominium lodging and various social events.

Cost of the trip is \$425 per person for students, faculty and alumni, and \$450 for the general public.

Headware style show

Zeta Tau Alpha is sponsoring a Headware Style Show which will be Monday November 24 in the Caddo-Bossier room from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Hair Stylists from Headware will demonstrate with student volunteers how to style hair without cutting it. Everyone is invited.

English major rewarded

The English Department has chosen Mary R. Zimmerman recipient of the 1986-87 Sachs English Scholarship.

A sophomore English major, Zimmerman is a graduate of Fair Park High School and the mother of five children, including three who are also college students.

The Sachs Scholarship, named to honor the late H. J. Sachs, longtime teacher and administrator at Louisiana Tech University, is a \$600 stipend awarded annually to an English or English Education major.

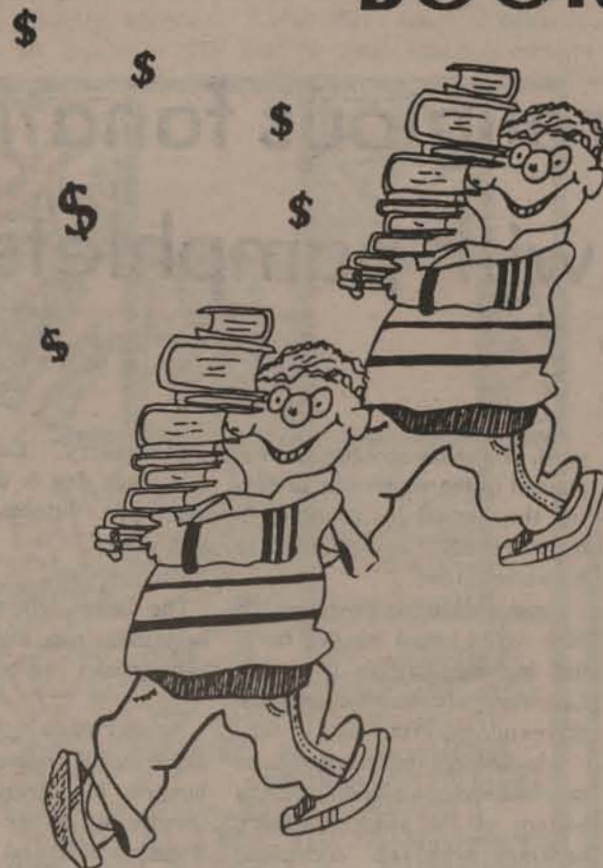
Help wanted

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Opinions

Bicameral SGA bill suggested

Two heads are better than one.

SGA Senator Bob Wynn seems to believe that. Recently he authored a bill organizing a subordinate body of representatives in the College of Liberal Arts. Such action provides more channels through which Liberal Arts students can voice their opinions.

From bottom to top, from the student to the representative to Wynn, the Liberal Arts vote will more accurately reflect the Liberal Arts voice.

Wynn has found a way to create a sense of organization, of community, within the Liberal Arts college.

Through representatives within their major, students will be, for the first time, directly linked to happenings within the SGA and be well-informed of campus-governmental issues, and as a result may become more actively involved in campus activities.

This subordinate body does have problems to overcome, such as the apathy of students who insist on running straight home after class, but with luck it'll become a model for other departmental colleges to follow, and possibly lead to a bicameral legislature within the SGA.

Donna Whitton

Desperate students grovel

Some people will do anything for a good grade.

And with the end of the academic semester near, these individuals are becoming more and more abundant.

At this time of the semester, an innocent, but somewhat perceptive professor has unlimited control over some of the more desperate members of his class. For instance, he could persuade them to wash his car, polish his shoes, or even do volunteer work for an organization of which he is a member.

A more ingenious, but less admirable professor might take advantage of his students' willingness to comply and lead them into a life of crime.

The instructor could be the Crime Boss and his students could be his flunkies. The Crime Boss could entice the desperate pupils to commit various deviant acts in exchange for good grades. He could tell them to rough somebody up, rob a bank, or even kill his wife.

This may seem a little far-fetched, but think of it.

Twice a year college students

across America start getting scared that they won't pass their courses. Some become so terrified that they beg their college professors to let them do "extra work" to bring their grades up, or, as in some cases, it is the instructor himself who makes the suggestion.

Either way, some smart teachers make a killing off the shoe-lickers and I don't blame them. After all, it's the American way.

Take advantage of your resources! Make a profit! Watch those little nose-wipers suffer right up to the day of the final!

And think of the advantages to this system — bridges could be built, wars could be won and Hands Across America could have been a success. The prospects are unlimited.

But the negative aspects of grade-giving can not be ignored.

On other college campuses there have been reports of professors who give high grades to young co-eds who perform certain services. Although I have never heard of such a case here,

one must admit the possibility of such conduct if grade-giving becomes too acceptable.

Desperate people do desperate things, and to a struggling student, a failing grade can seem worse than death.

Grade-giving also undermines the institution of education. Why should students learn course material when they can get better grades by brown-nosing their professors?

But the problem rests with the pupils more than the instructors.

Students should be more concerned with learning rather than just getting a good grade. Groveling will not make students any smarter.

Professors, on the other hand, should make sure that their "extra work" is innocent; that it doesn't take the place of classroom study.

Although it is doubtful that students can be persuaded to hurt someone, or rob a bank, or kill a professor's wife for a good grade, they have been known to toss aside certain ethics in order to receive an A.

Lewis Grizzard



What to do when religious fanatics arrive at your door with pamphlets

Religious freedom is a wonderful thing. The search for it and the need for it is what brought about this country in the first place.

If we didn't have religious freedom, then we might have somebody saying, "Worship the way we tell you to, or we'll kill you." Tragically, this has been said often throughout history.

I have nothing against any religion. If somebody doesn't believe exactly as I believe, that is fine with me. If more people thought like that, then the world likely would be a much safer place in which to live.

I would, however, like to address one particular religious group and ask them a favor.

I would like to tell the Jehovah's Witnesses once and for all that I am not interested in discussing their beliefs with them.

I was never interested before, I am not interested now, and I will not be interested in the future.

As I stated earlier, if you want to be a Jehovah's Witness, that's your business. But, please, take me off your list of possible converts, and don't come to my house anymore.

My grandfather had a lot of trouble with Jehovah's Witnesses. He referred to himself as a "foot-washing Baptist," but he quit going to church when he discovered ministers were using notes while delivering their ser-

mons.

He believed, as was his right, ministers should be guided by the Lord while they are addressing their flock and the use of notes were, in his mind, probably the work of the devil.

Jehovah's Witness missionaries began to call on my grandfather. They wanted to convert him and sell him their pamphlets.

My grandfather was a kind, patient man, but not one to be riled. After he had politely told about eight million Jehovah's Witness missionaries to please not knock on his door anymore he had all he could stand.

As soon as he saw the next group of missionaries pull into his

yard, he got his shotgun and explained to the visitors he preferred they be off his property in three seconds. They complied to his wishes in two.

I was working at my house the other day. I heard my dog barking. My dog, Catfish, the black Lab, always barks when someone drives into my driveway.

I looked out my window and saw two women standing at the bottom of the steps. Catfish's barking, with an occasional growl thrown in, had stopped the women dead in their tracks.

I walked out and asked their business.

"We're Jehovah's Witnesses," one of the women said. "We would like to talk to you."

"I'm sorry," I replied, "but this black dog is trained to eat Jehovah's Witnesses. Got two last week."

The ladies left, Catfish went back to his nap, and I went back to my work.

Again, I have nothing against Jehovah's Witnesses except they bugged my grandfather, and they've hit on me a number of times, as well, and I'm very happy with the religious beliefs I happen to have at this point in my life, thank you, and I don't want my mind changed. And that is my right.

Catfish, incidentally, feels the same way.



Nancy Hudson, assistant professor of English, samples U.C. salad bar.

Mistrial for Patrick in Arkansas case

by BARBARA POWELL
Editorial Assistant

The jury's inability to reach a verdict, and the "unfortunate" decision of one of the prosecution's key witnesses to eat lunch the day of the trial at the home of one of the women jurors, resulted in a mistrial in the misdemeanor trial of Rod Patrick who faced charges of driving while intoxicated and carrying a weapon in Lewisville, Ark.

Rod, an 18-year-old pre-law student at LSU-Baton Rouge, is the son of Joe Patrick, assistant professor at LSUS. His case drew much local publicity when, in response to an article in The

Times, many area residents wrote to the newspaper telling of similar experiences of being stopped by law enforcement officials in Lafayette County, Ark., of which Lewisville is the county seat.

The outcome of the trial hinged on whether the jury accepted Rod's testimony or the testimonies of a state highway patrolman and two sheriff's deputies, and on whether the jury accepted as valid the results of a field sobriety test -- Lafayette County has no certified Breathalyzer machine.

After three hours of deliberation, the jurors said they couldn't

reach a verdict on either charge. But a motion for a mistrial had already been filed. One of the key witnesses for the prosecution, a sheriff's deputy, admitted to the presiding judge that he had eaten lunch on Tuesday, the last day of the trial, with one of the women jurors at her home, an act District Attorney Kirk Johnson called "unfortunate."

It is uncertain if the case will be tried again. Johnson, who said he would like to try it again, leaves office at the end of the year, and the case can't be re-scheduled until January or February.

Rod's father said he was very proud of his son. Patrick didn't hear Rod testify -- witnesses were sequestered until called to testify -- but he said, "Everyone I talked to said Rod held up superbly under cross-examination."

Patrick was disappointed that the case ended in a mistrial instead of a not-guilty verdict but said he wasn't worried about the possibility of a new trial.

"I think they (the prosecution) lost a lot of their credibility. I'm not fearful of any future case they might bring."

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Food service changes again

by DOREEN LAFAUCI
News Editor

LSUS has changed food service companies again.

In the last three years, LSUS has had three different food service contracts - Pickett, American, and now, D.M. Premiere Management.

Mike Singleton, with the Purchasing office and overseer of all business dealing with food service companies, and David Van Essen, food director for Premiere, both said the reason for this newest change was simply a matter of bidding.

"The lowest bidder gets the job, and our bid just happened to be right," Van Essen said. Singleton agreed with Van Essen but said past food services have asked to be let out of their contracts, which are usually for two years, because they could not make a profit.

"They request they be pulled out because they aren't making the profit they wish to make," he said. "It's a mutual agreement between the university and the company. We want a company that feels satisfied profit-wise."

Premiere has been with LSUS for four weeks. It is still too early to make any predictions, but Van Essen has made plans to stay.

Already he is working on promotional efforts. Posters advertising the service have been placed in campus buildings, and Van Essen plans to use the Almagest to advertise weekly specials - sandwiches - or meals at reduced rates.

"I'm planning to use the paper as another way to reach out," he said.

Van Essen said he believes the fact that LSUS is a commuter college has no direct bearing on the changing of food services. Student influx is strong, he said.

"Most students that come here are older than your average four-year student," he said. "I'm pleased with how they are coming in."

As for fluctuations in business, Van Essen said his business may have dropped slightly but attributes any reductions to the semester coming to a close.

"Business may have dropped some because they (the students) are dropping classes and finishing up," Van Essen said. He said that Premiere, having no records from previous food services to compare its business with, can make no estimates.

"We just haven't been here long enough," he said. "But I feel good."

When asked if his prices were reasonable, Van Essen chuckled and said, "Go anywhere off campus and try to get these prices."

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FROM THE STUDENT BODY

KDAQ listeners call-in money

by CHUCK FISHER
Staff Writer

Pledge donations ranging from five dollars to \$2,000 ringed in from around the Ark-La-Tex as radio station KDAQ raised more than \$40,000 during its semi-annual fundraiser held November 1-8.

"The listener support was ter-

rific," says Tom Livingston, station manager. "We never set an actual goal, but we felt we had to raise at least \$30,000. So we're very pleased."

KDAQ is a listener-supported public radio station. Community contributions make up about two thirds of its budget. The remaining one third comes from federal grants which increase as

membership increases. The marathon attracted 344 new subscribers and brought in approximately 450 membership renewals.

From its budget of more than \$300,000, KDAQ pays membership fees to both National and American Public Radio, commercial syndicators, as well as paying employee salaries.

Great wines on a beer budget

by ANDY SALVAIL
Staff Writer

So you've just run out of Bud longnecks, and you want to impress your date, but you don't know the difference between a Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape and Welch's grape juice.

Allow me to remedy the situation.

There are many wines available at local liquor and grocery stores that are cheap, but still extremely smooth and pleasant. These are not the wines likely to be displayed on top of huge cardboard boxes next to Doritos and the toilet paper. They are wines with character, finesse and charm. Most important, their retail price is less than \$5 per bottle.

Bolla "Soave"

This is a dry Italian wine from the village of the same name. It matches well with seafood, but it is best without food of any kind. Soave is the type of refreshing wine that, like a wine cooler, quenches the thirst after a sporting event such as a golf or tennis match. It is also offered in the 1.5 liter size as well as the average wine bottle size (750 ml).

Beringer "White Zinfandel"

Even those who prefer dry wines over blush wines will still enjoy this sweet "rose." The sugary, sweet flavor of this wine is the reason why it complements rich desserts such as strawberry pie, cherry cheesecake, or fudge brownies.

White Zinfandel wines also act as a powerful aphrodisiac on debutantes, sorority girls and prospective Junior Leaguers.

The results of my extensive survey indicate that women who don't fit into those previously mentioned categories prefer dry red wines; those wines are the ones most critics in the restaurant and wine industry classify as being the more

sophisticated. Ironic?

Sichel "Vin Rouge de Table"

This is a simple red "table" wine made from a blend of common French grapes like Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon. It is medium-dry, but not so dry that it needs to be accompanied by a cold glass of water. It should go well with steak, pasta or any "heavy" dish. Personally, I like this wine with a loaf of French bread and a good Hitchcock film.

Avia "Merlot"

"Yugoslavian wine!" yelled Grady E. Pilot to the store clerk, his sheepish grin growing three-miles-wide at the sudden realization that he was purchasing a wine produced in a country which is famous for flax and sugar beet exports.

Seriously, this is a good red wine from an area of the world not particularly known for wine production. The inexpensive price and the fruity Merlot grape flavor make this wine a treasure.

Grandin Brut "Sparkling Wine"

The holidays are almost upon us, and you might need some bubbly. Trust me, stay away from

that cheap but well known domestic sparkling wine made famous by the advertisement, "Take — home for the holidays."

Grandin, on the other hand, is a dry sparkling wine made near Paris that compares with ones from the Champagne region. Compared to other sparkling wines from Germany, Spain and California, Grandin Brut is a true example of what an inexpensive wine should be - smooth, well-made and incapable of causing sudden headaches.

There are other wines I could list, but I chose these. Why? Well, these wines, unlike many domestic "jug" wines, are pure. They contain little or none of the additives and chemicals found in popular California wines of today. They were barrelled and fermented using European winemaking methods, and in most cases, the grape or grapes crushed to make the wine were harvested in the same year. Thus, these are more or less vintage wines; the label will tell.

Don't overdo it. CHEERS.



**Due to the
Thanksgiving
Break,
the Almagest will not
be published next week.**

Senator charged

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mine of Spence's actions actually influenced voter turnout, but also said the issue remains unresolved.

"We're limited in what we can do," said Wynn. "The most we (Internal Affairs) can do is formally reprimand her in front of the entire senate."

But Wynn also said if that action is taken, a letter of reprimand would also be placed in Spence's personal file for reference at any later date.

"Still, it's up in the air. We will probably call the matter to question before the senate on Monday and let the senate body decide," Wynn said. "It was a political mistake within the realm of the

school, but I view it as a personal confrontation between Spence and Strong."

SGA President Jack Williams was also brought up on similar charges during the spring presidential election but was cleared when the witness could not identify him.

Strong is requesting a formal written apology.

"Senator Spence claims that she was not trying to persuade anyone and that I misinterpreted her. I could have. I do not know what her intentions were, nor do I purport to. I do feel, however, that some of her comments could be considered pro-smoker," Strong said.

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'Daddy's just sick'

Living with an alcoholic

The author of this article wishes to remain anonymous.

The long distance commercial which depicts the daughter who calls her father because she is depressed and she knows that he will cheer her up always makes me sad because my father has the opposite effect on me.

My father is an alcoholic.

Living with someone who is dependent on drugs or alcohol is an experience I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy.

My childhood memories are good and bad.

I can remember the good times. On the hot summer days, I recall how my two older sisters and I would play with all our neighborhood friends until the sun went down.

But unfortunately, I can also remember the bad times. When we went in the house at night, my sisters and I would hide in our room. They would hold me as we

would listen to Daddy and Mommy shouting. And when I would ask what was wrong, the reply was always "Daddy's just sick

but everything will be okay."

As each year of my life unfolded, I realized that everything wouldn't be okay. Every night Dad would come home with a mint in his mouth and slurring his words.

For some reason, I was the only one in the family who hated Daddy. My sisters would always try and talk to him about his sickness. My Mom would always cry.

When I reached the age where I could think on my own, there were constant fights between my Dad and I. I couldn't, and still don't, accept the fact that I was born of someone so weak.

When my mother wouldn't take any more, my Dad joined Alcoholic's Anonymous and swore to give up drinking.

Everyone was relieved. But I didn't trust the man and watched his every move.

At first I didn't want to believe that he was drinking again. But I watched as he would take a glass full of ice out to the car and come back with a glass full of scotch.

Then the slurring of the words would start. And always before Mom got home, the breath mint would appear in his mouth.

When I informed my family, they didn't believe me. I understood. Even I didn't want to believe me.

They eventually had to believe me. After all, a healthy man usually doesn't come home after work with his eyes blood red, falling down and unable to speak.

It all started again. My sisters would try to talk to him about his sickness. My Mom would cry.

Everything is better now, at least during the week. My Dad has been transferred to another town to work. So he is just home on the weekend.

When he does come home, my niece, who lives with us, and I hide in my room and sometimes hear Granddaddy and MeeMaw shouting.

I hold her and when she asks me what is wrong, my reply is always "Granddaddy's just sick but everything will be okay."



There's always tomorrow

by ERIC GIPSON
Features Editor

The final exam is six hours away. It is 2:00 a.m.

You want to scream, but you don't have time. Although a nervous wreck, you are nonetheless amazed at how much material you can cover in several hours.

"If this were only last week...or even yesterday," you tell yourself. "Where on earth have I been and what have I been doing for all this time?"

"I don't worry about anything until it's due," said Jack Williams, SGA president and a senior political science major. "It perpetuates my high stress personality," he said, adding, "I've been meaning to change, but I haven't gotten around to it."

Jill Roberts, a freshman chemistry major, particularly dreads an English paper. "That is the worst," she said. She finds solace, however, in a sentence in her English handbook that says if no ideas come, to put it off for a day.

Elton Richey, a junior political science major, said that he basically does not procrastinate unless he goes to the library where he will begin reading a book or magazine that is not relevant to his studies. So, he says, "I try to go in there with specific things to get."

These students, like most, accept their procrastination as having not seriously impeded their academic success. But how much is too much procrastination?

"When you or your work begins

to suffer," said Dr. Robert Benefield, LSUS professor of psychology. "Some students get a big kick out of their ability to get things done at the last minute and don't get worked up," he said. Others, he noted, "get sick."

As the semester nears its conclusion and there is a greater urgency about studying and assignments, Benefield notes two styles of procrastinators.

"Some become highly motivated and pull their grades and courses," he said. "There are also those who have procrastinated so much, they just give up."

"This semester has been like trying to paint the Taj Mahal with one gallon of Sears Latex," said an anonymous undergraduate student, adding "I wrote the book on procrastination. I have drastically overestimated my last minute 'Hail Mary' retention ability," he said.

Benefield suggested the "Seven Day Procrastination Plan" that is taught in his College Survival Skills class. Although this is a method that is better learned at the beginning of a semester, helpful aspects include to break large tasks into smaller parts, announce your goals publicly, apply outside pressure (call a press conference), think of ways to reward yourself after completing tasks and don't ease into a task—plunge into it.

There are two weeks left. That project to sort the leaves in your yard had better wait.

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by DONALD GARRETT
Sports Editor

All season long, NFL fans have wondered if the Chicago Bears could become the first NFL team since the 1978-'79 Steelers to repeat as Super Bowl champions.

Though not as dominating as last season, Chicago's defense has been up to the task. But playing without injured quarterback Jim McMahon the Bear offense has left much to be desired. When McMahon plays quarterback the Bears are a truly great team, but when he does not play, Chicago is just another of the NFL's very good teams.

With five weeks remaining in the season the Bears hold a three game lead over the vastly improved Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Central Division. The remaining three Central division teams are all making plans for next year.

The Detroit Lions play like Lions at home in the Silver dome in Pontiac, but they play like a bunch of kittens on the road. Tampa Bay has been a sinking ship all season, and I wonder if the Bucs ship will ever float again. In NFL history no team has won more championships than the Green Bay Packers, but in 1986 the once proud Packers are having the worst season in their 66-year history.

The Bears are a cinch to win the Central Division crown with their three-game lead. It would take a total Chicago collapse for Minnesota to make up the three-game difference and the Bear defense is just too good for that to

happen.

With their playoff spot all but assured, the Bears must hope for the return of a healthy McMahon in time for post-season action. If McMahon is at the Bears helm when they hit the playoffs, then Chicago should storm back to the Super Bowl; if he isn't, then the door is open for another NFC team to take the title.

In the NFC Eastern Division there are two certainties, first the Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants and Washington Redskins are playoff-quality teams; and second the Philadelphia Eagles and St. Louis Cardinals are not.

Neither the Eagles nor Cardinals has been able to get off the ground this season. Both teams have first-year head coaches in Gene Stallings and Budd Ryan, and must hope for better things in the future.

Picking a winner among the Cowboys, Giants and Redskins is like playing Russian Roulette because the teams are so evenly matched. Though the Cowboys trail both the Redskins and Giants by two games, they still have a chance for the division title. Two crucial games in the last five weeks will go a long way in determining who wins the Eastern crown.

The Cowboys face the Redskins this Sunday in Washington in a game that Dallas must win. If Dallas takes that contest, then it puts the pressure on the Redskins to defeat the Giants when they come to Washington on Dec. 7. These two games plus the strength of each team's schedule

should be the deciding factors in Eastern race.

I am picking the Giants to win the division crown because the schedule favors them if they can defeat Washington in their December game. The Giants face three tough games in the next three weeks when they play Dallas, Denver and Washington; but they close the season with easy games against the woeful Cardinals and Packers.

The NFC West has the closest division race in the NFL, as one game separates first from last place. I pick the 49ers to take the division crown because of the return of quarterback Joe Montana. The Rams have the best overall talent in this division, but they continue to play shuffle-the-deck at quarterback, and that is no way to win a championship. Montana will make the difference when the Rams and 49ers play for the division title in San Francisco the last weekend of the season.

Football trip

All persons interested in going to LSU-Tulane football game next weekend should have their ticket money turned in by Wednesday Nov. 26 at 4 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$35.

A chartered bus will provide round trip transportation to the game. Any student, faculty member or alumni is eligible to make the trip. As of Tuesday, Nov. 18 only 14 people had signed up to make the trip, so there is plenty of room left on the bus.

APOLOGIES to Pittsburgh Steeler fans; that's Pittsburgh with an H.

Phi Van Halen beats ROTC for IM crown

by DONALD GARRETT
Sports Editor

Phi Van Halen exploded for 25 first half points to put ROTC away early and coasted to the Intramural playoff championship with a 33-12 victory over the Cadets last Thursday.

Both Phi Van Halen and ROTC had been members of the Thursday league during the regular flag football season, but neither of them had been able to claim that league's championship. That title went to the Maniacs. ROTC rose to the occasion in the playoffs, however, as they downed the previously undefeated Maniacs in the semi-finals. Phi Van Halen rallied from near defeat in its semi-final game with Kappa Sigma, scoring two touchdowns in the last five minutes, to reach the championship game.

ROTC was hoping the upset bug would strike again as they took on Van Halen, a team that had also defeated the Cadets during the regular season campaign. But quarterback Jon David Murray and his Phi Van Halen team was

not about to let the upset bug strike for the second time in two weeks.

Murray threw four touchdown passes and ran for another score as Van Halen buried ROTC with an offensive blitzkrieg in the first half.

Mark Yawn caught the first of Murray's touchdown passes early in the first quarter and Phi Van Halen never looked back. In rapid order Murray scored on a short run, threw a TD pass to Danny Rhodes and closed out first half scoring with a second TD pass to Yawn. The scoring deluge gave the Van Halen squad a 25-0 half-time lead.

ROTC regrouped and forged a gallant second half charge that still fell way short of the necessary point total. The Cadets struck for two second-half touchdowns and had the momentum when Phi Van Halen finally put the game out of reach. Murray found Kenny Larson on his fourth TD pass of the day to give Phi Van Halen a hard earned and well deserved, 33-12 win.

Volleyball finals, other IM

The Volleyball championship was decided in playoff tournament held Wednesday, Nov. 12. Quarter final, semi-final and final matches were held on the same evening with the Ethanol taking the overall championship.

BSU and Delta Sigma won the quarter final matches over the Cobras and ROTC. BSU beat the Cobras 15-9, 15-11, and the Deltas edged out ROTC 15-13, 10-15 and 16-14.


In semi-final matches Kappa Sigma rallied from a 14-16 first game lost to BSU to sweep the

final two contests 15-13 and 15-12. The Ethanol rolled over Delta Sigma 15-8, 15-6 in the other semi-final game.

The Ethanol followed the same script in winning the finals as they did in taking their semi-final match. Kappa Sigma beat the Ethanol 16-14 in the first game and the Ethanol stormed back to take the title with 15-5, 15-5 victories in the last two games.

The IM men's singles tournament champion was finally crowned when Richie Roberts defeated David Hesser 6-2, 6-0.

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